

**MINUTES for September 22, 2022**

1. Chair Angie Lowe called the meeting to order at 5:14 p.m. Also present were Ed Geick, Marcy Huffaker, Mike Palm, Kim Rabska, Judy Sping, Bekah Stelling, Megan Watson and guests Mary Krszjaniek and Bryant Hazard. Nelson and McArthur sent regrets.
2. Bekah Stelling announced that this is her last BPAA meeting, at least for a year. Warm thanks were extended to her for serving as a board member since the founding of BPAA.
3. Welcome to Mary Krszjaniek as a prospective board member.
4. An item was added to the agenda: Discussion about membership.
5. Geick moved approval of the August 25 minutes, Palm seconded, motion carried.
6. Rabska presented the Treasurer's report. Checking account is \$7814.09. We have \$29,03.56 at the Foundation. We can expect to receive a fund update in October. Spring moved to accept the Treasurer's report, Stelling seconded, motion carried.
7. No news about the Great Sauk Trail route through Baraboo. Lindsey Giese, Director of RiverArts Inc., will likely be our contact when the time comes for planning artworks and amenities along the Baraboo section.
8. Stelling reported that installation of the challenge course within Oschner Park is delayed, in turn slowing the plans for the "selfie station". Watson circulated a rough sketch of the selfie station design and reported on a very positive conversation with the tech ed teachers at Baraboo High School regarding fabrication. The design might include two chairs for conversation in a three-sided setting, a small rug-like mosaic, and the suicide prevention helpline number.  
  
Palm moved to earmark the \$1829.66 from our 2022 Foundation distribution towards the completion of the suicide prevention selfie station at Oschner Park, contingent upon a firm budget from the project planners. Geick seconded; motion carried. This successful motion allows the Treasurer to complete the necessary report to the Foundation in November.
9. Possible sites for major projects. Spring distributed a location matrix as suggested by Hazard for keeping notes about possible sites. There was no new information about the overlook connection from Oak to Water Street other than we are hopeful that the Congressional earmark for the project will go through and some portion of that funding might become available for a major piece atop the overlook. The City is in conversation with Alliant about the future of the Walnut Street substation.
10. Spring is developing a short PowerPoint presentation that board members might use when making presentations to civic groups. She hopes to bring a first draft to the October meeting.
11. Visibility. The website survey is up but there have been few takers. We will leave the survey up until November. Can we email the survey to supporters? Stelling suggested that Lowe contact Donna Griggel at the City to correct BPAA's contact information. Stelling has transferred the administrative rights for the BPAA Facebook page to Watson. We need to figure out how to transfer the Instagram account, if it isn't done automatically through Facebook.

12. Lowe reported that Angela Witczak, a board member of the Baraboo Area Homeless Shelter, has asked BPAA about a mural inside the shelter. Discussion: The site appears to be indoors at a non-profit. Palm suggested that our call for ideas form be clarified to say that the BPAA sponsored artwork must be visible to the public. Stelling noted that we can also offer to help connect people making inquiries to artists. Spring will modify the form and send to Lowe and will work with Vaillancourt to update the form on the website. Lowe will send the updated form to Witczak and invite her to come to the October or early December meeting to present the request. Lowe will also provide Witczak with contact information for Ray McDaniel, "The Heart Guy" muralist.
13. How to build our base of support: Geick asked if we might consider having a membership or some other way of keeping supporters connected. Discussion: How can we stay connected with people? "Membership" might entail keeping track of renewals. Spring suggested the term "supporters" can be used instead. Huffaker noted that we have a list of names and some email addresses of donors from the Fabric of the Community mural project. Geick wondered about a periodic newsletter to apprise people of current projects. We could put the agendas and minutes on our website.
14. Next meeting, 5:15 Thursday, October 27, 2022.

**Email motions** Wednesday, October 12. Lowe abstained from discussion and from voting on the motions. No respond from Krszizaniek or Watson.

**Motion #2** Judy Spring moved, Palm seconded, that BPAA apply for the \$500 Sauk County Good Idea Grant, deadline October 21, with funds going towards the Raising Our Sisters project. The application will be circulated among the board prior to submission to check for agreement. Friendly amendment by Huffaker who moved we amend the motion to add that “If BPAA is not awarded the Good Idea Grant, then the funds will come from BPAA and/or BPAA donors.” There were no objections to the amendment. Therefore, voting in favor were Geick, Huffaker, McArthur, Palm, Rabska, Spring.